

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Stephen W. Scherer and Berge A. Minassian

Application No.: 10/567,074 Group: 1634

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For: Lafora's Disease Gene

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated April 28, 2008, the claims of Group II (Claims 4-30, 40-41) drawn to a method of diagnosis for Lafora's Disease by detecting a mutation in the gene sequence are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Applicants are further required to select a single SNP required for the claimed method. As required by the Restriction, Applicants elect the SNP resulting from a C to G change at nucleotide number 205 in the EPM2B gene sequence comprising SEQ ID NO:1.

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

The requirement is being traversed for the reasons set forth in detail below.